

## Dutch Kidney Foundation Innovation Program

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### Program

The Innovation Program (Innovatie Programma) is part of the section Biomedical Research (Biomedisch Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek, BWO). The advisory board for this program is the Scientific Advisory Board (Wetenschappelijke Raad, WR). The board is responsible for the assessment of the scientific quality of projects within the program.

### Grant

Innovation Grant.

### Aim

The advancement of innovation in renal research, therapies and patient care through the support of experimental and innovative biomedical renal research projects in the form of grants in open competition. Primary conditions are innovation potential, relevance to kidney patients and scientific quality. The Dutch Kidney Foundation (DKF, Nierstichting Nederland) will accept a relatively high risk of hypothesis failing if the proposed research, when successful, can lead to a high payoff in terms of scientific knowledge and quality of life of kidney patients.

### Applicants

Biomedical researchers working at a research institute based in the Netherlands.

### Description

- The DKF provides budget for at least one annual funding round for the Innovation Program. In case of more funding rounds in one year, the total annual budget will be evenly distributed.
- One Innovation Grant awards up to € 100.000 for a research period of up to 2 years.
- The DKF applies the DKF Research Funding Model (RFM) to calculate grant budgets. For detailed information read the RFM information sheet on our website for professionals.
- Innovation Grant proposals may include a budget above the proposed RFM standard personnel years, within the total budget maximum, for extra expenses for equipment and consumables. This budget and its motivation have to be specified on the application form and may not exceed € 25.000.

### Conditions

- The DKF General Funding Conditions apply, in addition the following special conditions apply.
- The Innovation Grant is a seeding grant. An awarded Innovation Grant can not be followed up by a second Innovation Grant by the same group on the same topic.
- Applications for Innovation Grants can not be reapplied in a following PhD Student Program round in the same calendar year. The DKF will discard an application for a PhD Student Grant that is (almost) identical to an application for an Innovation Grant earlier that year. Applicants who are planning to apply for both grants in the same year on related topics are advised to contact the DKF before application.
- The subject matter of the project is renal research.
- The research project has high innovation potential, under the conditions of high scientific quality and kidney patient relevance.
- Innovation is perceived as new ideas, methods, processes or devices that lead to new basic or applied knowledge or new and better therapies and higher patient quality of life.
- The applicant's working base is a Dutch research institute. Parts of the research may be performed abroad. The DKF encourages collaboration with foreign research institutes.
- The proposed project budget should be proportional to the expected actual research costs.
- DKF budget within a project will be spent directly and unequivocally on the project.
- The application is submitted using the most recent version of the DKF Innovation Grant application form.

### Criteria

- Proposals will be assessed within the following framework of criteria. The scientific criteria are peer review criteria for appraisal of the scientific quality of the proposal, the relevance criteria are priorities for the program set by the DKF.
- Scientific quality is the primary condition for the ranking of proposals.
- Primary relevance criteria are essential in the assessment of proposals.
- Secondary relevance criteria are additive in the assessment of proposals.
- Definitions of the criteria are provided by the info sheet Innovation Program Procedure

### Scientific Criteria

- Significance (Scientific and Clinical)
- Investigators
- Approach & Feasibility
- Inclusion
- Environment

### Relevance Criteria

- Primary
  - Significance for CKD Patients and Prevention
  - Innovation Potential
- Secondary
  - Cost-Benefit
  - Implementation / Follow-up

### Procedure

The advisory board assesses the scientific quality and relevance of grant applications along the criteria and advises the DKF. Grant awarding decisions are based on the advice. Please read the info sheet Innovation Program Procedure for more information. Deadlines of the program will be published on our website for professionals ([www.nierstichting.nl/professionals](http://www.nierstichting.nl/professionals)).